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LETTER DATED 13 MAY 1998 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE DISARMAMENT FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MEXICO TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE PRESS RELEASE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO CONCERNING THE CONDUCT BY INDIA OF THREE UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the International Organizations having their headquarters in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to transmit herewith the press release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Mexico concerning the conduct by the Government of India of three underground nuclear tests.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico would be grateful if the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament would take the necessary steps to have the present text circulated as a document of the Conference.

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With reference to the announcement by the Government of India of the conduct today of three underground nuclear-weapon tests, the Government of Mexico condemns and deplores these acts, which are not conducive to the climate necessary to the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free world, exacerbate regional tensions and are inconsistent with the current situation of international detente.

Mexico considers that, as has repeatedly been proposed in the United Nations, which has adopted a variety of resolutions on the matter, nuclear-weapon tests must end for all time in order to avoid unleashing a new nuclear arms race. The cessation of nuclear-weapon tests is essential for international peace and security.

Mexico will continue to strive for nuclear disarmament and for effective and progressive measures to ensure the credibility and efficacy of all aspects of the international non-proliferation regime.

This position was stated by Ms. Rosario Green, Minister for Foreign Affairs, during the meeting of the Group of Fifteen currently being held in Cairo.